

Torrance, California
July 10, 1945

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 10, 1945, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 26, 1945, be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read franchise reports from the following companies who stated that no pipe lines were laid or removed for the period ending June 30, 1945: Tidewater Associated Oil Company, L.A. County Ordinance Nos. 1014 and 1351; General Petroleum Corporation, L. A. County Ordinance No. 781 N.S.; Richfield Oil Corporation, L.A. County Ordinance Nos. 1358-1361 N.S.; Union/Company of California, L.A. County Ordinance Nos. 1010-1501 N.S. Matter of record.

A communication was read from The American Legion Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 requesting approval of placing placards in the Torrance busses to advertise the Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament and also requesting permission to place banners at all the intersections in the business district for the same purpose.

Councilman Cucci moved that this request be referred to the City Council for study and recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Fred J. Calloway with reference to providing a municipal playground in North Torrance to be dedicated to the veterans of that community and be known as a Memorial Park. This matter was referred to the Recreation Committee and the City Council.

A communication was read from the Torrance Civil Service Board regarding certain new classifications of employment established in the Bus Department. This was referred to the City Council, and the City Clerk was authorized to notify the Civil Service Board of the action.

At 8:00 P.M. Mayor Tolson announced it was time to open bids for the improvement of 203rd Street, and other streets, and rights of way for the installation of a Sewer Project, which bids Clerk Bartlett opened and read as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID</u>
1. Bob Bosnyak 3014 Worthen Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.	\$29,246.00
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$4000.00 accompanied the bid.	
2. W. W. Willoughby 287 Mariposa St. Altadena, Calif.	\$29,979.30
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$3500.00 accompanied the bid.	

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID</u>
3. Steve P. Rados 2975 San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles, Calif.	\$30,273.90
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$3500.00 accompanied the bid.	
4. Martin Constr. Co., Inc. 1201 So. 5th Street Alhambra, Calif.	\$30,873.95
A Bidders's Bond in the amount of \$4500.00 accompanied the bid.	
5. Tom L. Gogo 10024 So. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, Calif.	\$34,017.10
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$4000.00 accompanied the bid.	
6. B.C. & L. Constr. Co. 3726 Lee Street Los Angeles, Calif.	\$34,350.00
A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$3500.00 accompanied the bid.	
7. J.E. Popovich 1444 W. 218th St. Torrance, Calif.	\$34,777.45
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$3500.00 accompanied the bid.	
8. B. D. Zaich & Sons 309 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Broadway Glendale, Calif.	\$35,702.00
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$5000.00 accompanied the bid.	
9. P. & J. Artukovich 13305 So. San Pedro St. Los Angeles, Calif.	\$35,986.73
A Bidder's Bond in the amount of \$3800.00 accompanied the bid.	

Councilman Cucci moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer and that he be instructed to make copies, listing name of firm, or the name of the bidder, unit price and total of each bid, the lowest bid to be submitted to the City Council at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Coast Insulating Corporation with regard to the construction of a new plant and requesting certain variations in the Uniform Building Code. Recommendations were made by City Engineer Jain as to the type of building and construction and size of same.

Councilman Cucci moved that the variation in the Building Code be granted, providing recommendations made by the City Engineer be carried out. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1736

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT
FROM CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL COM-
PANY, A CORPORATION, OVER LOT 27, TRACT
10185 FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES, AND
AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1736 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$589.81, plus tax, be made for the purchase of sanitary supplies for all departments. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Captain Winters, who was appointed Acting Chief from June 18 to June 23, 1945, inclusive, receive the Chief's rate of pay for the time served. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Engineer Moffitt, who will serve as Acting Captain of the Fire Department in the absence of Captain Winters, be granted a salary of \$225.00 per month, effective June 1, 1945. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ralph E. Snodgrass be employed on a temporary basis as a mechanic, Grade "B", in the Bus Lines, at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective June 22, 1945. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$57.62, plus tax, be made for payment to the Crown Body & Coach Corporation for parts for Municipal Bus No. 101 and No. 102. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Engineer be authorized to get in touch with the owner of a building located at 1601 Gramercy Avenue for the purpose of obtaining his consent to eliminate the driveway at that location and install a curb. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$97.72, plus tax, be made for payment to the Crown Body & Coach Corporation for 1 Clutch Assembly, 2 Silencers, 2 Quick Release Valves and 1 Governor. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Engineer be authorized to investigate the matter of constructing a cement ramp at the City Yard adjoining the bus storage garage, to be used for steam cleaning, greasing and inspection of busses, and present his recommendations at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that an expenditure of not to exceed \$525.00 be authorized for furnishing and installing roofing, plastering and overhead door for electrician's garage and workshop. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an expenditure of not to exceed \$176.00 be authorized for the installation of plumbing facilities in the Electrician's Garage and Workshop. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to rent heavy grading equipment for the grading of Crenshaw Boulevard, south of Carson Street, on a daily basis, at the O.P.A. rate. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Jesse Smith be employed on a temporary basis, as a Chainman in the Engineering Department, for intermittent work, at \$1.25 per hour. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Harry Webb, Surveyor in the Engineering Department, be paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his car while on the job and whenever the regular Engineering car is not available for that work. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$136.52, plus tax, be made for payment to Shaw Sales & Service Co. for gear and shaft assembly for the Hough Loader. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$75.89, plus tax, be made for payment of 992 gallons of Bitumuls from the American Bitumuls Company. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$79.18 be made for repairs to power lawn mower. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mrs. Ruth Fulton be employed, on a temporary basis, in the Recreation Center, at 75¢ per hour, effective June 27, 1945. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that all bids on the Waleria Recreation Building be rejected and that the checks be returned. After some discussion, Councilman Gilbert withdrew his motion and moved that the City Engineer be authorized to proceed with the construction of the building at Waleria.

Engineer Jain stated that most of the work could be done with the aid of city employees and he could sublet such work as plastering and plumbing. He believed the job could be done cheaper than either of the bids received, the lowest of which amounted to more than \$5.00 per square foot.

The City Attorney advised the Council and Engineer that the work could be done by the city, after rejecting the bids, but no part of it could be sublet.

After some discussion, Councilman Gilbert withdrew his motion and suggested that the matter be continued until the next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 17, 1945, in order to give the City Attorney time to check the procedure and advise the Council.

Mr. J. W. Loughridge, who was in the audience, requested the Council to accept his resignation as a member of the Civil Service Board, effective July 10, 1945.

Councilman Cucci moved that the resignation of Mr. J. W. Loughridge be accepted and that Mr. Loughridge be employed as a War Emergency employee, as Maintenance Man in the Walteria Parks and Playgrounds, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, effective July 11, 1945. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Lloyd Lyman Thornsburg be employed as a patrolman in the Police Department, at a salary of \$200.00 per month, to replace Sergeant Garner, resigned, effective July 15, 1945. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$421.74, including tax, be made for the purchase of 24 - 1" J-1280 Goosenecks complete, 75 - 1" Meter Couplings and 6 Hydrant Heads J-378 for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$271.40, including tax, be made for the purchase of 400 ft. 2" Galvanized Pipe and miscellaneous fittings for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$489.44, including tax, be made for the purchase of 4 - 2" Trident Disc Meters and 1 - 4" Crest Meter for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$79.75, including tax, be made for the purchase of 4 - 4" Double Disc, Non Rising Stem, Hub End Gate Valves for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$253.68, including tax, be made for the purchase of 1 Underwood Sundstrand Adding Machine for the Water Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$144.00 be made for payment to Harold A. Barnett for engineering services. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mayor Tolson be authorized to approve change of partnership of the Associated Assessment Engineers leaving Mr. Basil R. Greig sole owner of said firm, he to continue to represent the City of Torrance in the liquidation of tax deeded lands. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read petitions containing 258 signatures from the citizens of WALTERIA, requesting the City Council to call an election for the formation of a Water District. These petitions were accompanied by letters stating the necessity for the formation of this district.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read petitions containing 44 signatures from the residents of North Torrance, requesting the City Council for a water survey of their district to determine the present and future needs for water development in North Torrance.

Councilman Cucci asked the City Attorney if it were possible to create the water district without the necessity of an election, to which Attorney McCall replied by reading an excerpt from Act 8462 - Special Municipal Tax for Specific Public Improvements - Proposition must be submitted to vote.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that arrangements be made to call a meeting with Taylor and Taylor, Consultants, the City Engineer and a member of the WALTERIA Civic Association with reference to placing the proposition on the ballot. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

With reference to the request of the American Red Cross, presented at the meeting of June 26, 1945 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3251, for use of a station wagon or other means of transportation to meet needs of the Red Cross Canteen Service to and from work assignments, Mayor Tolson moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to furnish the Ambulance truck, or other means of transportation, which will enable the American Red Cross to transport their equipment to and from the hospital. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None..

At 9:45 P.M., on motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 17, 1945 at 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST: :


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE